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DIETARY SUPPLEMENTS FOR METABOLIC MODULATION

Field of The Invention

Nutritional supplements.

Background of The Invention

Numerous nutritional supplements are known in the art, and most of them offer promise to modulate metabolism or even cure disease to at least some extent. For example, immune status is allegedly improved by various Echinacea extracts or zinc-containing compositions. In other examples, body fat is supposedly metabolized at an elevated rate to reduce weight. In still further known supplement compositions, amino acids, steroid-like molecules, etc. are advertised as being effective to increase muscle mass. However, such statements are typically not verified or endorsed by the FDA, and the efficacy for the advertised purpose is all or almost all of these supplements questionable.

Among supplements that have been shown effective to at least some degree are chromium compounds and food items containing such compounds to increase glucose utilization. However, numerous chromium-containing supplements exhibit significant toxicity (*e.g.*, Cr-picolinate) or have only relatively low solubility and/or bioavailability. Such difficulties may be even further compounded where chromium-containing supplements are combined with other nutritionally valuable compositions.

Similarly, phytosterols have been demonstrated to reduce serum cholesterol. However, biological effects of low-term administration is poorly understood. Moreover, such sterols need to be administered in relatively high quantities to be effective. Alternatively, serum cholesterol can be reduced by ingestion of barley or barley extracts, which typically contain beta-glucan at relatively high quantities. However, to achieve at least some cholesterol-reducing effect, such glucans need to be ingested at rather large amounts.

Therefore, while there are numerous dietary supplements known in the art, all or almost all of them suffer from one or more disadvantages. Consequently, there is still a need to provide

improved compositions for nutritional supplements, and especially those that modify the metabolism of a person.

Detailed Description

The inventors generally contemplate that numerous cytokinins and related compounds are incorporated into a dietary supplement or other food item to effectively modulate the metabolism of a person. Particularly preferred modulations include improving glucose utilization, treatment of type II diabetes, normalization of dyslipidemia (including hypertriglyceridemia and hypercholesterolemia), and treatment of syndrome X.

Especially preferred compounds and extracts are described in our co-pending provisional applications with the serial numbers 60/499,637 (filed 09/02/03), 60/493,447 (filed 08/08/03), PCT applications with the serial numbers PCT/US01/07527 (filed 03/08/01), PCT/US02/07199 (filed 03/08/02), and U.S. Application with the serial number 10/668,921 (filed 09/23/03), all of which are incorporated by reference herein. It should be appreciated that contemplated cytokinins and related compounds may be present in form of one or more pure compounds (*i.e.*, compounds having purity of at least 90%, more typically at least 95%), and/or as partially pure compounds (*i.e.*, compounds having purity of less than 90%). With respect to the related compound, it is generally preferred that such compounds will include a heterocyclic base (typically with purine or pyrimidine scaffold), and in particularly preferred aspects, the related compounds include acylated and/or acetylated nucleobases (*e.g.*, N-acetylguanine), which may further be substituted with a glycon (*e.g.*, N-acetylguanosine) or other group.

In still further contemplated aspects, it is preferred that at least one cytokinin in the dietary supplement or other food item is in biologically active form (*e.g.*, not covalently bound to a glucan), and most preferably in aglycon form. Therefore, particularly suitable cytokinins include zeatin, dihydrozeatin, kinetin, and/or N-acetylguanosine. Alternatively, or additionally, the cytokinin may also be covalently bound to a polysaccharide. In such cases, it is generally preferred that the polysaccharide preparation (*e.g.*, a beta glucan product) is enriched in the cytokinin such that the cytokinin is present in an amount of at least 0.005 wt%, more typically at least 0.05 wt%, even more typically at least at least 0.5 wt%, and most typically at least 5 wt% of

the total weight of the polysaccharide. Beta glucan was previously recognized as a polymer onto which cytokinins are immobilized to render the cytokinins in an inactive form. However, it was previously not recognized that cytokinins, and especially mixtures of cytokinins may be used to treat syndrome X, type II diabetes, improve glucose utilization, and normalize dyslipidemia.

In one particularly preferred aspect of the inventive subject matter, the cytokinin or related compound is prepared from a plant or fungus, and particularly preferred plants include various grains (*e.g.*, barley, wheat, oat, etc), various algae (*e.g.*, laminaria), various dicots (*e.g.*, soy), and preferred fungi particularly include shiitake (edodes spec.) mushrooms. Consequently, it should be recognized that contemplated dietary supplements and other food items may include a mixture of two or more of contemplated cytokinins and related compounds. Such cytokinins expressly include those in which the heterocyclic base is coupled to a sugar, and those which the heterocyclic base is not covalently coupled to a sugar.

With respect to the dietary supplement and other food item, it should be recognized that all material fit for human/animal consumption is contemplated suitable herein for combination with the cytokinins and related compounds presented herein. However, particularly preferred dietary supplements include partially purified cytokinins and related compounds that are formulated into an orally acceptable solid (*e.g.*, tablet, capsule, powder, etc.) or liquid (*e.g.*, syrup, drops, liquid extract, etc.) form. Further preferred dietary supplements and other food items include snack bars, cereals, baked goods (bread, cookies, etc.), milk products, vegetable products, etc. Such products may further include other metabolically beneficial compounds, and particularly preferred other compounds include chromium and beta glucans. With respect to the quantity of contemplated cytokinins and related compounds, it should be recognized that the amount may vary considerably. However, suitable amounts will typically be in the range of between about 1 mg of cytokinin or related compound per 100 g of food item to about 100 g of cytokinin or related compound per 100 g of food item (*e.g.*, in form of a tablet of a dietary supplement).

Therefore, the inventors specifically contemplate methods of marketing and advertising in which a product is advertised as comprising a cytokinin and/or a related compound (particularly zeatin, dihydrozeatin, kinetin, and/or N-acetylguanosine), and in which it is further advertised

that the product may have a beneficial effect (*e.g.*, protective, curative, etc.) in a person consuming that product, and especially in a person diagnosed (self-diagnosed or by medical professional) with type II diabetes, dyslipidemia, syndrome X, and/or impaired glucose utilization. For example, contemplated methods of marketing and advertising include those in which a tablet, snack bar, breakfast cereal, or plant fiber product is advertised as comprising a cytokinin or as comprising a composition enriched in cytokinins, and in which it is further advertised that the tablet, snack bar, breakfast cereal, or plant fiber product has a beneficial effect in a person consuming that product, and especially in a person diagnosed with or at risk for type II diabetes, dyslipidemia, syndrome X, and/or impaired glucose utilization. Viewed from another perspective, the inventors contemplate all manners of advertising (*e.g.*, via TV or radio ad, marketing fliers, product descriptions, typically physically associated with the product) in which cytokinins are associated with a beneficial effect in a person consuming the cytokinin, and especially in a person diagnosed with or at risk for type II diabetes, dyslipidemia, syndrome X, and/or impaired glucose utilization.

Thus, specific embodiments and applications of dietary supplements for metabolic modulation have been disclosed. It should be apparent, however, to those skilled in the art that many more modifications besides those already described are possible without departing from the inventive concepts herein. The inventive subject matter, therefore, is not to be restricted except in the spirit of the present disclosure. Moreover, in interpreting the specification, all terms should be interpreted in the broadest possible manner consistent with the context. In particular, the terms "comprises" and "comprising" should be interpreted as referring to elements, components, or steps in a non-exclusive manner, indicating that the referenced elements, components, or steps may be present, or utilized, or combined with other elements, components, or steps that are not expressly referenced.

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